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ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus ~~of the present invention uses~~ using a highly viscous, dense developing liquid consisting of a carrier liquid and toner ~~dispersed therein~~. A developing unit ~~includes~~ including a developer carrier and a coating member for coating the developing liquid on the developer carrier. The developer carrier conveys the liquid to a developing zone ~~where it faces an image carrier to thereby develop~~ a latent image formed on the image carrier with the liquid. In the developing zone, the toner in the liquid, ~~which faces the image of the image carrier, is caused to move~~ moved toward the image by electrophoresis to ~~thereby form~~ a toner layer in which the toner is present in the carrier liquid and a carrier layer in which the toner is absent in the same. When the developer carrier and image carrier are moved away from the developing zone ~~part from each other~~, the toner is ~~caused to move~~ moved toward the image over a degree at which the developing liquid can separate at the boundary between the toner layer and the carrier layer.